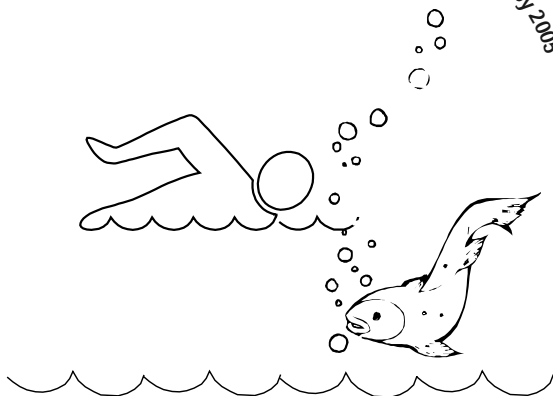




PROGRESS REPORT  
FEBRUARY 2001

# Massachusetts Avenue Storm Drain (from Lafayette Square to Memorial Drive)

*"Making the Charles River swimmable and fishable by 2005"*



## What's been done?

**Construction Work:** The project is about 65% complete overall. The mainline drain from Albany Street to Lafayette Square is completed except for a small portion near Columbia Street. The 54" and 72" drains on Memorial Drive are installed and construction is proceeding up Massachusetts Avenue toward Vassar Street. The pipe jacking (tunnelling) under Memorial Drive has commenced.



*Mass. Ave. near NECCO Building*

**Dealing with Construction Impacts: Parking -** Parking has been restored on the east side of Massachusetts Avenue from Albany Street to Lafayette Square as requested at the November business meeting. Localized "No Parking" restrictions will be placed during construction of lateral connections and catch basins. "No Parking" signs were removed from State Street.

**Safeguarding Pedestrian Safety:** Police detail officers have been assigned to assist pedestrians near the construction work zone. A police detail has been added to handle sidewalk traffic. Temporary crosswalks have been constructed adjacent to the MIT crosswalk to facilitate crossing Massachusetts Avenue.

## What's next?

Construction will continue through the winter and spring of 2001. Completion of the main line pipe along Massachu

setts Avenue at Vassar Street railroad crossing, Albany Street, Columbia and across Memorial Drive to the outfall at the river will be completed over the next few months. Lateral pipes on side streets and catch basins will be the next items to be installed on Massachusetts Avenue. The project is expected to be completed by summer 2001.

These new pipes will provide significant drainage improvements over the existing 18-inch drain currently serving Massachusetts Avenue. In addition, over 60 new catch basins will be constructed along the route.

### **Will other utilities be impacted by this project?**

Private utilities (gas, steam, telephone, electric, fiber optic, communication) lines continue to be relocated by the utility companies at various locations to make room for the new storm drains and lateral services. This work is being coordinated with the utility companies, and utility interruptions will be sequenced and scheduled to minimize customer impacts.

### **What are the construction hours?**

Working hours on Massachusetts Avenue are from 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM, Monday through Friday. Work hours on the Memorial Drive pipe jacking continues around the clock - 7 days a week.



*Memorial Drive @ Mass. Ave. - Bend Installation*

## **What will be the impact to traffic?**

Traffic is restricted to 2 lanes during normal daytime work hours (7:00 AM to 3:30 PM). After 3:30 PM, three travel lanes (2 inbound, 1 outbound) are in operation. Pedestrian cross walks are temporarily relocated as construction progresses.

## **What other construction work is planned?**

Upon completion of the storm drain contract, a separate contractor will commence the reconstruction of Massachusetts Avenue. That project will be directed by the Mass Highway Department and Cambridge Community Development Department and is expected to take 2 years to complete, starting later this year.



*Pile Driving - Mass. Ave.*

Future storm drain projects will be constructed in the next few years in the Bishop Allen Drive and Cherry Street areas to store and pump storm water to the new Massachusetts Avenue storm drain which will relieve the flooding in these streets.

## Who to Contact . . .

In case of emergencies, questions, problems, requests for project information or meeting announcements, please observe the following procedure.

Call the **S E A Field Trailer at 617-354-2191**. The telephone at the trailer is staffed from 7:00 AM until 5:00 PM, Monday - Thursday; on Friday, the time is from 7:00 AM until 3:30 PM. **Norm Dugas**, S E A Chief Resident Engineer, (email: [norm.dugas@seacon.com](mailto:norm.dugas@seacon.com)), and the S E A Field staff will be available during the week to immediately respond to your calls. **This is the fastest way to get action on construction related concerns.**

After 5:00 PM and on weekends and holidays, the message on the S E A field office phone will direct the caller to the DPW Hot Line at 617/349-4860. DPW employees answer this phone line 24-hours a day.

### **Community Relations Issues:**

Call **Judy Kavanagh** Community Relations Coordinator, at **617-498-4710**, (email: [judith.kavanagh@seacon.com](mailto:judith.kavanagh@seacon.com)) regarding public meetings, or concerns regarding the construction and project information updates.



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